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SUBJECT: GOT DESIRE FOR A VISIT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. AT BEGINNING OF CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR MACOMBER JULY 5 JUST PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON (REFTEL) FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES SAID THAT IN BRUSSELS SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD PROMISED THAT IF HE EVER MANAGED TO COME WITHIN FIVE HUNDRED MILES OF TURKEY ON ONE OF HIS TRIPS, HE WOULD CERTAINLY MANAGE A VISIT HERE. GUNES ADDED THAT HE HAD TOLD SECRETARY AT OTTAWA THAT SECRETARY'S WORK IN MIDDLE EAST HAD CONSIDERABLY DECREASED THE CAPABILITIES OF USSR IN AREA SOUTH OF TURKEY AND HAD THEREFORE INTRODUCED NEW AND WELCOME ELEMENT INTO COOPERATION WHICH HAD ALWAYS EXISTED BETWEEN TURKEY AND US.

2. GUNES SAID HE ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO A VISIT BY SECRETARY. HIS AND PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MOST FRANK AND USEFUL BUT, ALAS, THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN TOO SHORT TO COVER ALL THE THINGS THAT TWO FRIENDLY ALLIES NEED TO TALK ABOUT. HE VERY MUCH HOPES THAT AMBASSADOR WHEN HE RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON WILL BRING BACK A DATE ON WHICH THE SECRETARY CAN VISIT TURKEY.
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